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KEIICHI IWAMURA )  
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Filed: February 13, 2001 )  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent 6,513,118

W. Niblack, et al., "Storage and Retrieval for Image and Video Databases III", Proceedings, The International Society for Optical Engineering, San Jose, California, February 9-10, 1995. Vol. 2420, pp. 164-173.

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Applicant also respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the following U.S.

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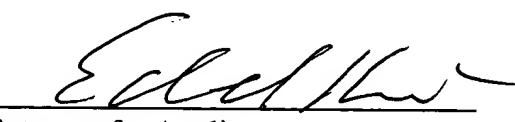
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the application specification, claims and drawings for the foregoing U.S. Application is enclosed.

The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits, but has not yet received either a final action or a Notice Of Allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). The Examiner is requested to study the foregoing information in its entirety and to make an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

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